

QUESTION TIME

Questions from Members to the Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairs of Committees or Members appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee in accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 14) of the Council's Constitution.

There are 5 questions to the Leader and 9 questions to Cabinet Members, Committee Chairs and Member appointed to represent the Council on a Joint Committee.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE LEADER

1. From Councillor Shinnick to Councillor Gledhill

Could the Leader please update the Chamber on progress with dealing with Serious ASB issues on the Flowers Estate in Ockendon.

2. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill

Does the Leader of the Council agree with me on whether there are potential benefits to further developing our service user focused approach through more use of qualitative approaches to the assessment of the standard of customer service being provided by departments within Thurrock Council.

3. From Councillor Spillman to Councillor Gledhill

Can the Leader of the Council please explain what steps were taken, prior to the increases being proposed by Cabinet and agreed by Full Council, to assess the impact his administration's council tax rises on consumer spending, local business and the welfare of low-income working households and disabled people in Thurrock?

4. From Councillor Jefferies to Councillor Gledhill

Can the Leader outline the Council's approach to whistleblowing allegations and what the outcomes have been?

5. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Gledhill

Has the Leader of the Council read the full report into whistle blowing allegations carried out by an Independent barrister?

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO CABINET MEMBERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE COUNCIL ON A JOINT COMMITTEE

1. From Councillor Anderson to Councillor Halden

Can the Portfolio Holder for Education and Health update the chamber on children centre provision?

2. From Councillor Rigby to Councillor Halden

Please can the Portfolio Holder for Education and Health update the chamber on the progress to deliver new Medical Centres in the Borough.

3. From Councillor Okunade to Councillor Halden

Can the Portfolio Holder for Health and Education tell us what the Council is doing to protect the health and wellbeing of our Tilbury residents from the hazardous air pollution?

4. From Councillor Shinnick to Councillor Watkins

Can the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways please provide an update on the Flowers Estate with regard to the maintenance of flower beds, grass cutting and fly tipping.

5. From Councillor Smith to Councillor Watkins

With the impending closure of the car park at the 'rec' in Aveley and Council having leased alternative parking to the rear of the Post Office in the High Street would the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highways advise what measures are in place to enforce anti-social parking in the access road adjacent the Post Office.

6. From Councillor Fletcher to Councillor Watkins

I have been asked about the new HGV weight restrictions proposed for Ockendon and other parts of the borough. I have continued to chase this and I now understand that the earliest we may see these new restrictions put out to consultation is now December. Would the Portfolio Holder please explain why this enforcement measure has been delayed?

7. From Councillor Fletcher to Councillor Johnson

Many Council tenants in Ockendon have expressed concern at the Council's 'like for like' policy, which appears in some cases to justify inconsistent or even ineffective repairs. Would the Portfolio Holder commit to setting out a consistent principle for repairs to Council property, based not on 'like for like' but on 'fitness for purpose'?

8. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Johnson

Would the Portfolio Holder explain the reasons for changing the access to Doug Siddons Court?

9. From Councillor J Kent to Councillor Johnson

Can the Portfolio Holder explain why only 12.2% of households at risk of homelessness approaching the Council for assistance are accepted as homeless?